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Modification of Existing Riders

- 3. Funding for Health Professions Council. Recommendations include amending the rider to provide updated amounts in the informational listing of the amounts appropriated to the Health Professions Council (HPC) through Interagency Contracts with other agencies. See the Health Professions Council Summary of Recommendations packet for more information. The rider provides a funding breakdown of each Interagency Contract by service provided. Three areas have increases, Admin & Support, Database, and Website Administration, and it is assumed the affected agencies will absorb the increase without additional funding. The total appropriation is \$2.2 million and is an increase of \$54,323 above the amount in the 2018-19 General Appropriations Act (GAA).
- 4. Texas.gov Appropriation. Recommendations include an updated informational listing of the amounts appropriated to participating agencies in bill pattern order and continue to require notifications of agency exemptions from participation and certifications by the Comptroller of Public Accounts. The rider authorizes each licensing agency participating in the program to set its listing fees in order to pay for the costs associated with the program. For each participating agency, the rider identifies an amount equal to revenue raised by that agency for new application fees. The total appropriation is \$5.4 million and is an increase of \$0.4 million above the amount in the 2018-19 GAA.

New Riders

7. Funding for the Prescription Monitoring Program. Recommendations move this rider from the Board of Pharmacy bill pattern to Special Provisions, and amend it to provide more clarity on the transfer of fee revenue. The rider provides an updated informational listing of the amounts appropriated to participating agencies in their bill patterns. The rider authorizes each licensing agency participating in the program to set its fees in order to pay for the costs associated with the program. The rider identifies an amount equal to revenue raised by that agency for this purpose. The total appropriation is \$2.4 million and is equal to the amount in the 2018-19 GAA.

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